

## JANUARY 2013 MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club met on January 11, 2013, at the Community Center. There was a delicious salad luncheon served after which the meeting was called to order by the 1st Vice-President, Shiela Finch, in the absence of President, Chris Hamden. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect were said and Terry Newberry gave the Invocation before the two speakers, Jan Caldwell and Laurie Vitt, spoke on "Garden Surprises in the Florida Landscape." They discussed the Amphibians and Reptiles that one might find and hear in and around our homes and yards. A power point program showed us similarities and differences in some of these creatures and instructed us in how to identify the frogs, lizards and snakes. The speakers brought one of the books that they have written and answered many questions that our members had about these (sometimes) scary creatures in our yards.

After a break Shiela reconvened the meeting and the roll was called. She thanked the hostesses and greeters and gave good wishes to our members with a birthday this month. She introduced Jo Ellen Allen who is the District V Director and a member of the Inverness Garden Club. We had two guests for this meeting and 25 attending the business meeting.

We then had Marcia Beasley present the Power Point show of the club's 1989 Standard Home Flower Show. We were encouraged to learn about Floral Design so that the club could hold another standard show. Shiela Finch, one of the Nominating Committee members, read the slate of officers that the Committee recommended. Cathi Ayers moved that the slate be accepted. Vote was taken and the slate of new officers was accepted. The new officers will begin their terms at the end of the May meeting and they are: President: Lona Bassett, 1st Vice President: Anne Propp, 2nd Vice President: Judy Lane, Secretary: Lynn Bassett, Treasurer: Donna Thomas, Corresponding Secretary: Amber Persyn.

The Vice President continued with her list of items to be discussed and mentioned that Donna Thomas would be making the arrangements for the May luncheon meeting to be held at the Inverness Country Club on May 10. Choices of meal and cost will be available at a future meeting.

Diane Dowthett discussed some ideas for the club business card and is continuing working on it. Shiela mentioned that at the Board meeting it was voted to have Diane Little as the club representative working with the local 4H club as they create a butterfly garden at a local pre-school. She also gave thank yous from the E-Nini-Hassee girls for funding items for the Santa's Workshop at the camp.

The minutes that were sent online were approved.

The treasurer's report gave \$4,110.36 brought in from December and ending with \$4,043.36.

The Corresponding Secretary reported sending cards to Janis Lehowitz and Diane Calfee when they were recuperating.

2nd Vice President Judy Lane reminded members of the Grow and Share table outside the meeting room and encouraged members to bring plants for it each month.

Under Standing Committee reports Diane Freund thanked members who helped with taking down the Christmas decorations and working on the large pots of plants in the village center area. She also mentioned that the new nylon eye rings are being put into the trees replacing the metal rings that could have endangered the trees if lightning struck.

Amber Persyn reminded members of the availability of the IFAS calendar which can help with reminding us of when to do specific gardening tasks.

Since Cathy Foley is not able to attend meetings at this time a temporary replacement was requested for chairing the Landscape Design committee.

Roadside Cleanup will be held January 21, with meeting at the boat ramp parking lot at 9AM for assignments.

Diane Dowthett asked the club to check out the website—[floralcitygardenclub.com](http://floralcitygardenclub.com)

She has done a lot of work and has new photos.

The Special Committee on establishing a Perennial Friend Committee chair, Cathi Ayers, gave the recommendation of the board to accept this committee and its purpose which will begin its work in the next administration. We voted and the recommendation was passed. This will be considered a Standing Rule.

Lona Bassett reported that one meeting of the by-laws revision committee had been held and things are progressing.

Amber Persyn gave the Petal Power Award to Lynn Bassett.

## FEBRUARY

### MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club met on February 8, 2013, at the Community Center. We had 6 guests and 31 members present and enjoyed a light luncheon and Dr. Joan Bradshaw speaking on Hummingbirds after the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect were said. Cathi Ayers presented the Invocation. Shiela Finch presided in the absence of President Chris Harnden.

Dr. Bradshaw's presentation was very informative and there were numerous questions that she was able to answer.

At 1:30PM we had a short break and the door prize drawings took place.

At 1:35 Shiela recalled the meeting to order for the business meeting.

February hostesses and greeters were thanked and February birthday good wishes

were given to members who were born in this month. March hostesses, greeters and clean uppers were reminded.

The May meeting will be held with a luncheon at the Inverness Country Club and Sandy Van Tassel and Carole Baker will have menu choices for us at the March meeting.

Diane Dowthitt discussed the results of the survey about the new business card for the club and they should be ready for use shortly. If you have photos or requests for links please give them to Diane for inclusion on the web site.

Member Carole DeLisle's fall was mentioned and information was given about other members who are having physical difficulties at this time. Carol Millard will be moving.

The minutes that were sent via email were approved.

Donna Thomas, Treasurer, gave the report with \$4,043.36 from January 30, 2013, and the ending balance \$4,090.36.

Corresponding Secretary, Amber Persyn, said

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that cards had been sent to Melodie Henderson and Janis Lehowitz and will send other cards to members who were mentioned as having physical difficulties or special birthdays.

Judy Lane, Second Vice-President, requested ideas for programs for next year or ideas for field trips.

Alice Webb will be stand-in chair for the Butterfly Garden and Cathi Ayers moved to reaffirm last year's motion to set aside \$400 for the club's gardens maintenance. This will end at the end of May, 2014. The motion passed.

Environmental Concerns Chair, Amber, mentioned using club soda to kill fire ants rather than using the strong chemical solutions. She said to pour 2 Cups into each hill and that the carbon dioxide will prevent oxygen from getting to the ants.

Judy Lane, Grow and Share Chair, mentioned plants that are available on the outside table and encouraged members to grow plants for the Plant Sale Fund Raiser.

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Lynn Bassett, Horticulture Chair, requested members to sign up for not only the Horticulture Committee, but for other committees. She gave information about Spanish lavender which she has found is the best lavender for growing in this area. A request was made to locate the Landscape Design Award signs so that that committee can give them out to the next recipients. Under Legislation and Historic Preservation Marcia Beasley gave a report on the FDOT meeting that was held on February 6, here in Floral City. Repaving of the highway will take place and the left turn lane will be made for turning from Highway 41 to Highway 48. Construction is supposed to begin in June or July with the work taking about a year. It is hoped that themed traffic signals will be used for this rather than the concrete pylons that are usual. The speed limit will be discussed and perhaps lowered for the village area. This work will affect the garden club's corner garden but we will see what the configuration will be when the design is made public.

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Cathi Ayers of the Perennial Friends Committee reiterated the plans concerning members or former active members who might be candidates for the Perennial Friends category so that members can understand what they voted for last month.

Lona Bassett, present Publicity Chair, requested members to think about being Publicity Chair since a new one will be needed by May when she assumes the presidency.

Susie Metcalfe reminded members of the March 25, Roadside Cleanup Day and said that about a dozen bags of trash were picked up from the January CleanUp.

The By-Laws Committee chair, Lona Bassett, said that information will be presented at the March meeting from the meetings that are being held to amend the by-laws and prepare Standing Rules for the club.

Amber Persyn, Plant Sale Chair, passed out sign up sheets for Home Grown plants and for

requests for plants when committee members go on buying trips. She also requested that members check various sources for decorative containers so that the plant sale can offer container plants already prepared. Seeds can be started now so that in eight weeks we can have plants for sale.

Cathi Ayers began the Installation with thanks to the former officers of the club. Chris Harnden has served for four years as President and will be stepping down. Shiela Finch as 1st Vice President was Chris's stand-in during the installation ceremony and will be stepping down also. Cathi lit a candle for each officer and requested them to think about their office and its duties and do them to the best of their abilities.

The 2013-2015 club officers are:

President: Lona Bassett

1st Vice President: Anne Propp

2nd Vice President: Judy Lane

Secretary: Lynn Bassett

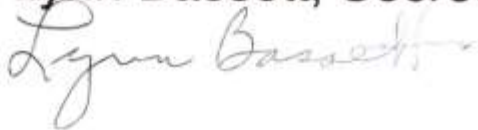
Treasurer: Donna Thomas

Corresponding Secretary: Amber Persyn

Lynn Bassett presented the Petal Power Award to Cathi Ayers for her hard work with several committees lately as well as for work on the Installation of Officers.

A reminder about the FFGC State Convention in April and the adjournment at 2:40PM

Lynn Bassett, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynn Bassett".



### Emergency Meeting Minutes

On Monday, February 18, 2013, a quorum of Floral City Garden Club members(including more than two(2) officers) unanimously voted to incorporate the Floral City Garden Club as a 501c3 entity. Forms for this incorporation will be worked on as soon as possible. Those voting were Cathi Ayers, Lona Bassett, Lynn Bassett, Shiela Finch, Diane Freund, Kathy Hofmann, Amber Persyn, Anne Propp, Donna Thomas and Sandy Van Tassel and the meeting was held at Donna Thomas's house from 1PM until 2:35PM. This action was necessitated by a discussion between our Treasurer and an FFGC official concerning tax exemption procedures and the subsequent becoming aware that there is no insurance for the club under the umbrella of the FFGC. Officers and members could be cited in case of a lawsuit. As this is unacceptable the emergency meeting was called.

A second motion to purchase insurance for the April fund raising plant sale was also unanimously passed.

Lynn Bassett  
Secretary

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Floral City Garden Club  
Financial Statement  
February 1- 28, 2013

Balance Forward		\$4,090.36
Income		
Raffle	\$54.00	
Membership due	\$34.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
Total	\$88.00	
Disbursements		
Diane Little, binder for 4H	\$14.00	
Cathi Ayers, installation supplies	\$21.20	
Diane Freund, Xmas supplies	\$32.79	
Dept. of State for incorporation	\$87.50	
Total	\$155.49	
Ending Balance		\$4,022.87

## MARCH MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club met on March 8, 2013, at the home of Lona Bassett who offered her hospitality after a mix-up at the Community Center. The five hostesses had a light luncheon for members and our guest speaker, Chris McMillan. At 12:30 P.M. the meeting was called to order by the 1st Vice President, Shiela Finch, who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and the club collect. Shiela welcomed three guests and read cards from Chris and Michael Hamden who have been battling injuries and illness and cannot attend meetings. The Invocation was given by Cathi Ayers then Judy Lane introduced Chris McMillan who told us about roses and demonstrated pruning roses. She gave out several extremely informative papers about roses and answered many questions from members and guests.

After the talk the photos for the Keep Citrus Beautiful Award were taken and the plaque presented to the club by our own Susie Metcalfe with Keep Citrus Beautiful officers Randy Messer, Pati Smith and Erin Ray also coming to Floral City to visit with the club members.

After this break Shiela began the business meeting with a thank you to Lona for hosting the meeting and the attendance was taken by the Secretary. Shiela then thanked the hostesses and greeters and the club gave birthday wishes to the March "babies." April hostesses and the CleanUppers were reminded of their tasks.

Under New Business Donna Thomas, Treasurer, talked about her finding out that our club was NOT under any insurance umbrella from FFGC which leaves officers and members as possible sources of income from any legal suit brought from an accident at one of our functions. After researching the topic an emergency meeting was called and with a quorum of voters (including more than two officers) it was voted to incorporate as a non profit entity as well as purchase insurance for the club.

In order to do all of this one of our by-laws needed to be restructured and one article added. Our present by-laws require the reading of the new by-laws one month prior to voting so at the board meeting it was recommended that a temporary suspension of that by-law be voted on so that the club could adopt the two changes needed for the paperwork for the non profit application.

Lona Bassett presented the board's recommendation. It was discussed and voted on and passed. She then made a motion that the club approve the wording change to Article 2 of our By-Laws and the addition of Article 10 to conform to the requirements for application for the 501(c)3 status of non-profit. It was seconded by Donna Thomas, discussed and passed unanimously ( a 2/3 vote is needed for a change of by-laws.)

The board recommended that the insurance be purchased and since a quorum was present it was purchased at the price of \$173.20 yearly.

A Suggestion Box suggestion about changing the club meeting time to earlier in the morning is under consideration. No action taken at this time.

Lona Bassett presented the board's recommendation that the Floral City Garden Club pay for two club members (officers having right of first refusal) to go to the FFGC state convention yearly with the package of registration and meals. Transportation and room will be paid by attendees. After discussion the motion was passed.

Sandy Van Tassel gave out a sheet of paper with the menu choices and the price for the May luncheon at the Inverness Country Club. She asked that those members who are going to please pay the Treasurer by the April meeting and tell her your choice of meal. Donna will stay after the meeting to collect so that the club isn't left with paying for meals for people who couldn't attend but who signed up. The chef prepares the number of meals that the club gives him/her and that number of meals has to be paid for which is the reason for prepayment.

Sandy also made a motion to change the date of the luncheon to May 17, (a week later) since several members would be unable to attend on May 10. It was seconded by Diane Freund, discussed and passed.

The Treasurer encouraged members to pay their dues as soon as possible. She has to complete the paperwork and send in the money to FFGC by early June so the last date to pay will be at the end of the May meeting. Early payments would make administrative work easier for Donna. Dues are \$17 for one and \$19 for a couple. New forms are being used so please fill them out.

February minutes that were sent via email were approved as sent.

Treasurer's report showed \$4,090.36 as of Feb. 1, and \$4,022.87 as the ending balance. Under Correspondence Cathi Ayers reported on a letter from a mother of a child that our club sent to Camp Wekiva which told of how well the child is doing and that she is going again to Wekiva and wants to be a counselor.

2nd Vice President, Judy Lane, encouraged members to fill out the survey forms that she has given out and to let her know of possible speakers for next year's programs. April's program has been changed since Michael Hamden will be unable to speak because of his injuries. Our speaker's topic will be Landscape Design.

Lynn Bassett mentioned that Clint Walker weeded the Memorial Garden for a couple of hours before the Strawberry Festival and that the work really helped the garden look better for the large number of people who walk around the Linear Park during the night before celebration.

The number of trees planted by club members between February, 2011, and February, 2013, was determined and Donna will give the number to the District V Director.

Also under Horticulture Amber Persyn talked about pineapple guavas and showed photos of this beautiful hardy plant. The flowers and fruit are both edible.

Marcia Beasley talked about the plans for having themed armatures for the intersection of Highways 41 and 48. There will be two stands rather than four and they will have the antique decorative look put over the regular poles.

A Publicity chair person is needed! Please let Lona know if you will do this work for the club.

Roadside Pickup will be March 25, Monday. Check with Susie Metcalfe if you need more information.

Cathi Ayers said that the scholarship applications have begun arriving and the recipients' names will be presented at the April meeting.

Plant Sale discussion by Amber Persyn and Cathi Ayers encouraged members to prepare their plants for the sale since it is only a month away. Sign up sheets were passed around.

Lona Bassett, chair of the By-Laws committee, reported that work is ongoing and mentioned the work to reword the by-laws for the non profit application. Meetings will continue all summer and both by-laws and standing rules are to be presented for the first reading at the September meeting.

Sandy Van Tassel reported about the food co-ordinating that she has been doing for Melodie Henderson and Chris Hamden. At this time no more food for Melodie is needed. Check with Chris before taking food.

Applause is given to Diane Dowthitt for her work on the club's business cards. They were shown to the club and people who needed them were able to get them.

Diane Freund reported on the work done by club members for the Strawberry Festival. Sharon Thompson was the co-ordinator and is the representative to the FCMA from the club and did a lot of work to decorate the Hospitality Tent. Lona Bassett printed lots of handouts for the festival and Lynn Bassett and Amber Persyn pulled together plants for Sharon and Diane to use to decorate the tent.

Cathi Ayers presented the Petal Power Award to Susie Metcalfe. Susie is a new member but has been the Roadside Cleanup chairperson since joining as well as participating in many other club activities.

Lynn mentioned two trips that local garden clubs are taking and gave contact numbers if any of our members would like to join them.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

Lynn Bassett  
Secretary

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Floral City Garden Club  
Financial Statement  
March 1-31, 2013

Balance Forward			\$4,022.87
Income			
Membership dues	\$246.00		
Memorial garden	\$40.00		
Banquet payments	\$117.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
Total		\$403.00	
Disbursements			
Chris McMillan, speaker	\$20.00		
Auto Owners, Ins.	\$173.20		
Lona Bassett, supplies	\$42.28		
Donna Thomas	\$284.20	stamps, past pres. pin, registration fees	
Anne Propp- registration fees	\$235.00		
Total		\$754.68	
Ending Balance			\$3,671.19

Secretary

Floral City Garden Club  
Financial Statement  
April 1 -30, 2013

Balance Forward		\$3,671.19
Income		
Membership	\$433.00	
May Luncheon	\$299.00	
Plant Sale	\$3,112.50	
Note Card sale	\$0.50	
Glove sale	\$6.00	
Raffle sale	\$53.00	
Petty cash	\$5.50	
S.Thompson reimbursement	\$25.00	Lunch for Apr. meeting
Memorial garden	\$20.00	
Total	\$3,954.50	
Disbursements		
Diane Dowthitt - bus.cards	\$13.48	
Jerry Wetherington - ferns	\$81.00	
P.O. Box rental	\$44.00	
Cashier boxes	\$150.00	
Midway Nursery	\$357.50	
Cathi Ayers - plant sale	\$139.80	
Lynn Bassett - plant sale	\$49.80	
K.Hofmann - memorial garden	\$50.44	
S. Thompson - April luncheon	\$56.99	
A. Persyn	\$160.50	
Sandra Van Tassel - pizza	\$37.00	
Comm.Ctr Rental - Sept.-Nov.	\$53.00	
Total	\$1,193.51	
Ending Balance		\$6,432.18

Plant Sale Distribution 4/6/2013

Date		Cash	Checks	Total Credits	Total Debits	Total Profit
5-Apr	Cash Box	\$150.00		\$150.00		
5-Apr		\$189.00	\$0.00	\$189.00		
6-Apr		\$2,233.00	\$645.50	\$2,878.50		
12-Apr		\$55.00		\$55.00		

Total Credit \$3,272.50

Receipts :

Amber	\$160.50	
Ferns	\$81.00	
Cathi Ayers	\$139.80	
Sandi-food	\$44.00	
Color Country	\$140.00	
Cash Boxes	\$150.00	
Lynn Bassett	\$49.80	
Ron&Edie	\$357.50	
Total	\$1,122.60	\$2,149.90

Perennial ?  
Friends

Special Committee Report and recommendation to the Board:

Committee members Cathi Ayers, Lynn Bassett, Marcia Beasley and Donna Thomas met on Thursday, November 1, 2012 to discuss and develop a statement of purpose and criteria for recognizing a special membership category as follows:

Purpose: To invite current or past members who have served the club and now are limited in their participation to be recognized in the club directory as Perennial Members.

Criteria:

1. A minimum of 5 years active club membership
2. Recognized service in club activities
3. Now has limited mobility

If a member, past or present, is identified as meeting the defined criteria, that member or their representative is advised that the individual is eligible to move into Perennial Membership and is no longer expected to pay dues. The member or their representative may accept or decline the invitation.

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Perennial ~~members~~ will have their photo and other membership information in the annual directory with recognition that they have been designated as such.



Subject: Fw: Luncheon Agenda  
 From: lona bassett (lonabassett@yahoo.com)  
 To: lonabassett@yahoo.com;  
 Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 8:50 PM

### AGENDA FOR MAY LUNCHEON, MAY 17, 2013

12 NOON; PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
 INVOCATION BY CATHI AYERS *VERY Beautiful*  
 CLUB COLLECT ✓  
 LUNCHEON

DURING DESSERT: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY  
 CURRENT PRESIDENT  
 REMARK *None of that time*

- ✓ INTRODUCTION OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT/PAREN
- ✓ AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP (so that they can leave): CA
- ✓ BIRTHDAYS FOR MAY AND FOR SUMMERTIME

THANK YOU

APPROVING OR CORRECTING MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT: DONNA *Apr 1-30*  
*Sept-Nov (rental) !!*

PERENNIAL FRIENDS LETTER: CATHI

COPIER PROGRESS: LONA *narrowed \$129 - probable - Jamaica -*

COMMUNITY GARDENS: KATHY HOFMANN

*2,149.09*  
*OK*  
*\$3,954.50 income*  
*\$6,432.18 ending*  
*Send out notice*  
*Wed May 23 - 7:00 PM*

LANDSCAPE DESIGN: MARY LOU EATON =

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING TIMES: BOARD  
RECOMMENDATIONS(no vote needed?) 9:30AM Social  
Time 10AM Meeting begins

DISTRICT REPORT: LYNN/DONNA

STATE CONVENTION REPORT: DONNA/ANNE

PASSING OF THE GAVEL: CHRIS

NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS: LONA

PETAL POWER AWARD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

*Sign before you leave  
Constitutional  
Amendment to  
(re-in state  
re-funds)  
Board Acquisition  
Fund.*

*Chris gave thank you's to her committee workers.*

*group together  
index operation work together  
important as a unit*

*Simple design*

*- LIB. #P + Sign up sheet*

*Lona EIN# was inactive status*

*33% net  
excise taxes.  
for 20 years.*

**[ 2:40 PM ]**

## APRIL 12, 2013, MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club began its meeting with a light luncheon in the Community Center in Floral City at noon on April 12, 2013. At 12:25PM Lona Bassett, incoming president, called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect were said. Terry Newberry gave the Invocation and welcomed the one guest and the guest speaker who was introduced by Judy Lane, Second Vice President. Steven K. Davis, Florida Yards & Neighborhoods director, spoke on Landscape Design with special emphasis on water conservation and native plants. He wanted the club to remember to put the "Right Plant in the Right Place."

The business meeting of the club was called to order at 1:30PM after the door prizes were awarded during the break between the speaker and the business meeting.

The attendance was taken by the secretary and the presiding officer gave thanks to the hostesses and greeters and birthday wishes to members with April birthdays. The building cleanup people were reminded and the club was reminded of the May luncheon to be held on May 17th rather than on the 10th at the Inverness Country Club. The e-mailed minutes were approved and Donna Thomas gave the Treasurer's Report with \$4,022.87 being brought in and the ending balance of \$3,671.19.

Marcia Beasley relayed the thanks of Janis Lehowitz's family for the club's presence and ceremony at Janis's funeral.

Hostess and Greeter Sign Up Sheets for next year's calendar were passed around, and Judy Lane encouraged members to give her the information sheets by the end of the May meeting.

Under Standing Committee reports Alice Webb requested help with building some support for the honeysuckle for the Butterfly Garden and workers were encouraged to pull some weeds at the Memorial Garden.

Diane Freund asked members to plan a day in December to help put on ties for the bows for the Christmas decorations with December 3, planned as the day for Decorating Orange Avenue.

Sharon Thompson, FCMA representative from the club, mentioned the activities that have been held and the appreciation that the FCMA had for the work that the club members did for the Strawberry Festival.

Grow & Share chair, Judy Lane, mentioned that with the Plant Sale, not many plants were available.

The Horticulture chair passed out sign up sheets for Plant Talks and Floral Designs for next year's calendar. Volunteers were found to chair the Landscape Design Committee. Mary Lou Eaton and Susie Metcalfe said that they were interested in helping in this area. Thank you!

Marcia reported about the antique armature for the highway signal pole that will be used when the highway is resurfaced and a lane added. It will be painted black and have scrolls so that banners can be attached. An acorn will be the finial for the pole.

A meeting for the Perennial Friends Committee was suggested by Cathi Ayers, chair.

Lona stressed the need for a new Publicity Chair since she is incoming president and won't be combining the jobs. No volunteers.

Susie Metcalfe set May 28, as the next Roadside Cleanup Date.

The Scholarship Committee under Cathi Ayers, Chair, narrowed the candidates down to three deserving students and recommended that the three be given scholarships. A question was raised about how much the club could give to three. Cathi moved that we give each student \$700, Phyllis Peters seconded and the motion carried. It is hoped that the students and parents will be able to meet the club members at the May luncheon.

Plant Sale Committee--Amber Persyn, Chair, reported on the success of the sale and thanked club members who worked so hard on the sale and grew so many beautiful plants. There will be a 20% discount on the remaining plants and members may shop at Amber's house after the meeting.

By-Laws Committee members continue to meet.

Carole DeLisle is now recuperating at home, Michael Hamden's cast is off but there are questions about a need for an operation and Melodie Henson's health is not good. All of these members would welcome calls and cards.

Marcia Beasley made a motion to change the club's meeting time from noon to 10AM (beginning in September of 2013). Judy Lane seconded and after much discussion the motion carried.

Donna Thomas moved to purchase a dedicated copier if Amber Persyn's donation of a printer/copier isn't compatible with the existing computers that are used. The cost will not exceed \$175. Phyllis Peters seconded and the motion was carried. Lona Bassett will work with Amber and Donna on this.

Sharon Thompson and Cathi Ayers said that they will work with Lynn Bassett on the co-operative venture with the Friends of the Library Summer Program on June 13, 2013. Root crops will be discussed and planted to carry out the theme of Digging Into Reading.

Reminders of payment of dues and luncheon fee were made.

Susie Metcalfe gave the Petal Power Award to Amber Persyn for her work with the club in general and specifically for the work on the successful Plant Sale.

The District V meeting on May 9, was mentioned with members encouraged to attend. Donna Thomas and Anne Propp will be attending the FFGC State Convention April 29-30, in Ft. Myers.

Members were reminded of the Inverness Garden Club's Garden Tour April 13.

About 15 club members participated in the Deceased Member Ceremony for Janis Lehowitz and Cathi Ayers tender remarks were appreciated.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40PM

Lynn Bassett, Secretary

Floral City Garden Club  
Financial Statement  
May 1 - 31, 2013

Balance Forward		\$6,432.18
Income		
Membership dues	\$186.00	
Luncheon	\$13.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	
Total	\$199.00	
Disbursements		
Donna Thomas - stamps	\$16.64	
Sheila Finch - pas pres. Present	\$35.00	
FC Lion's Club for TT sale	\$53.00	
Scholarships	\$2,100.00	
FFGC	\$150.00	
Luncheon	\$468.00	
Judy Lane - corner garden	\$29.74	
FFGC	\$556.00	
Total	\$3,408.38	
Ending Balance		\$3,222.80

## MAY 17, 2013 MINUTES

The Floral City Garden Club met for luncheon and a short business meeting at the Inverness Country Club on May 17, 2013. The Invocation was done by Cathi Ayers and the Collect said. No flag was present so the Pledge of Allegiance was not done.

After the club enjoyed the delicious food Chris Harnden, President, called the meeting back to order for the business meeting and for the awarding of the remaining scholarship to Nathan Lovestrand by Cathi Ayers, Scholarship Chair.

Nate thanked us and encouraged us to continue our scholarship program because he said that it is a big help for him and for the other recipients.

The other two recipients of the scholarships, Cayla Corley and Sam Mueller, received their award at a small reception in the Memorial Garden on Monday, May 13, at 3PM. They were unable to attend the club's luncheon so another date was chosen to give them their awards.

Chris mentioned club good wishes to May birthday celebrators as well as to those who celebrate their birthdays during our non-meeting time in the summer.

The emailed minutes were accepted as printed and Donna Thomas, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The balance brought forward was \$3,954.50 and the ending balance was \$6,432.18.

Cathi Ayers reported that eight letters were sent out for possible Perennial Friends and there have been four acceptances so the program is working.

Lona Bassett is continuing to check on copiers as well as the cost of inks for each.

Kathy Hofmann suggested Wednesday, May 23, at 7PM to work on the Memorial Garden and encouraged members to come and have fun weeding together.

For the Landscape Design Committee report the incoming president gave the new Committee chair(who volunteered) an orchid of appreciation. She also gave an orchid to Alice Webb who also volunteered to be the Butterfly Garden Chair.

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Income

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Memorial Book \$50.00  
Donation \$20.00  
\$0.00  
\$0.00

Total \$100.00

Disbursements

Alice Webb - Butterfly Garden \$11.50  
U.S. Treasur - 501©3 \$400.00  
Lynn Bassett - copy paper \$59.35  
FC Lion's Club - rent \$132.50  
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September 1-30, 2013

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Income			
Membership dues	\$36.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
Total		\$36.00	
Disbursements			
Sept. Speaker	\$20.00		
Plant certificate	\$25.00		
Sandi VanTassel - Misc	\$31.41		
Susan Metcalfe - bag holders	\$83.00		
Domain Reg. of Amer.	\$35.00	web site	
Merchants Assoc.	\$50.00	dues	
FCCM Booth B & BBQ	\$25.00		
FFGC dues	\$26.00		
Total		\$295.41	
Ending Balance			\$2,072.85



# BIKES AND BBQ INCOME OCTOBER 5, 2013

25-Sep BOOTH FEE \$25.00

5-Oct COOKIE SALES \$114.50

31-Oct STATE TAX \$6.30 Tax is 6% for Citrus county

Total \$83.20

Money for E-nini-hassee

## OCTOBER 11, 2013, MINUTES

The meeting of the Floral City Garden Club held at the Community Center in Floral City opened at 10 AM with Lona Bassett presiding. Alice Webb gave the Invocation and Lona led the club in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect.

Guests were welcomed(Katie Potter, Beth Jensen), new members were welcomed(Marlana Lee and Jan Caldwell)and the Door Prize numbers were drawn while our speaker brought in her flowers. Cathy Foley of our Perennial Friends was also in attendance.

Judy Lane introduced Barbara of "Flowers by Barbara" here in Floral City. Barbara and her sister assistant then made three arrangements describing what was being done as the arrangements were being made. The arrangements were a bud vase, a one sided arrangement and a mixed bouquet all of which she gave to the club to be given to lucky club members whose ticket numbers were called.

Barbara is also a clown and will entertain the club at our December meeting.

After the short break Lona recalled the meeting to order and the Secretary called roll with 26 members in attendance for the business meeting. Hostesses and Greeters were thanked and birthday wishes were given to members whose birthdays are in October. The After Meeting Cleanup volunteers were reminded.

The minutes that were sent out via email were approved with their corrections.

Donna Thomas, Treasurer, reported that as of September 1, \$2,332.26 was brought forward with the ending balance of \$2,072.85.

#### Correspondence

Donna announced that the 501c3 non profit status was granted retroactive from March and that we may need to send sales tax to the state from the Plant Sale which was held in April.

She then handed out a copy of the proposed By-Laws and read the proposed changes and asked club members to study them and be prepared to vote on them at the November meeting. Any questions or comments can be given to her or the other committee members who were named.

Club Fund Raisers were discussed and members reminded of the dates for the various events. The Bikes & BarBQ Bake Sale has baked goods left over and members may purchase them from Chris

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who has them in her freezer. The bake sale made \$83.20 which will be donated to the Santa's Workshop at Camp E-Nini-Hassee. Members who were not able to work and who want to donate money could see Chris after the meeting.

The Trash & Treasures sale will be open to the public on November 2, 2013, but work days will be on October 31 and November 1 at the Community Center. Workers will be allowed to shop after everything is organized and priced on Friday, November 1. Sign up sheets were passed around to obtain workers for the sale.

The Plant Sale date is April 12, 2014, and the Secret Garden Tour possible date is for May 17, 2014. We will need workers for both of these events. Members were reminded to put the dates on their calendars!

Members who have ideas for Fund Raisers were encouraged to call or email the Ways and Means Co-Chairs, Anne Propp and Donna Thomas.

Decorating the town for Christmas date is December 3, 2013.

The Painting Plant Pots Workshop after the November meeting was discussed and Judy Lane showed examples of finished work and mentioned supplies that members need to bring if they choose to participate in this workshop.

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Lynn Bassett is working to get the Memorial Garden certified by the National Wildlife Foundation and Diane Little mentioned that she did have her yard certified after hearing last month's speaker who encouraged us all to do so. The District V Autumn meeting will be held on October 16, in Ocala and our club has four members who will be attending.

Sharon Thompson, FCGC representative to the FCMA, discussed the meetings of the FCMA and told of the plans for the Luminary Art Walk from 6 PM to 8PM in town and of the Strawberry Festival which will take place the first weekend in March in 2014. The FCMA is making more copies of the map of the downtown village with a list of the members on the back. Membership dates are now from January 1 to December 31, so since we just paid our dues we won't owe dues until January, 2015. Anne Propp will represent the FCGC at the next meeting.

Judy Lane, Grow & Share Chair, reminded members that there were plants available outside on the table....alternathera and pine cone gingers and several kinds of seeds were some of the plants donated by club members.

Kathy Hofmann complimented Amber Persyn for

her hard work on the Memorial Garden before the Bikes & BarBQ event.

For Horticulture Amber Persyn gave a talk on Pine Cone Ginger(Zingiber zerumbet.) Amber brought in an entire plant and was able to show the different stages of the ginger inflorescence and tiny flower as well as the rhizome which had roots growing down from it. She showed members the fluid that comes out of the "cone" when squeezed which can be used as shampoo or hand lotion. Some people call this plant the shampoo ginger. Mary Lou Eaton's report on her committee had members thinking about how we visualize our gardens or one particular spot or bed in our gardens. She encouraged us to work to plant the right plant in the right place which can save labor as well as money. She mentioned that shopping for plants(or other things) can be fun but without proper planning some purchases can be costly or very disappointing. She requested members to fill out a handout that she had for each member regarding plans for our landscaping and the sheet had Possibilities that members could utilize when making these plans. More will be discussed at each club meeting.

Susie Metcalfe sent thanks to the workers who cleaned up the roads on October 2. They used

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the newly purchased bags which worked very well.

Lona Bassett gave the Petal Power Award to Sandy Van Tassell for numerous contributions to the welfare of the Floral City Garden Club. She has weeded, potted, hosted, cleaned up, helped with computers, done the Door Prizes and many other background jobs and deserves recognition!

A reminder of the next Board Meeting to be held on Monday, October 28, at 10AM at Lona Bassett's house.

The St. Augustine Tour of Homes will be held on December 8, and the Homosassa River Garden Club has a field trip to Marie Selby Gardens coming up.

At 12:15PM the meeting was adjourned.

Lynn Bassett  
Secretary

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Floral City Garden Club  
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October 1-31, 2013

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Income			
Bikes & BBQ	\$214.50		
New Members	\$34.00		
Raffle	\$52.00		
Refund from FFGC	\$60.00		
	\$0.00		
Total		\$360.50	
Disbursements			
Kathy Hofmann - Mem. Garden	\$100.00		
Sandy VT - raffle supplies	\$29.56		
Fl.Sales Tax	\$140.09		
Cash Box	\$100.00	Bikes and BBQ	
Cash Box	\$100.00	Trash and Treasure	
FFGC dues	\$24.00		
Lona Bassett - postage	\$21.82		
Dist 5 meeting	\$63.00		
Oct. speaker	\$20.00		
Total		\$598.47	
Ending Balance			\$1,834.88



## Floral City Garden Club Agenda October 11, 2013

9:30 am Coffee/tea etc

10:00 am Call to Order Lona

Invocation: Alice Webb

Pledge of Allegiance and Club Collect: Lona

President's Welcome to Guest: Lona

Program – Judy Lane Introduction

Speaker: Flower Designing by Barbara of Flowers by  
Barbara

10:45am Raffle: Sandy VanTassel and Carole Baker

Short Break

11:00am Attendance – Lynn Bassett

Thank you: Hostesses: Willa Heronema, Barbara  
Trimble and Jean Rising

Greeters: Christine Harnden and Patsy Neel

Birthday Good Wishes to: Betty Welte 2, Pam Bellman  
10, Sharon Thompson 10, Patti Barber 13, Ron  
Reichederfer 14, Jo Quackenbush 22, Patsy Neel 29

After meeting Cleanup: Carole Baker and <sup>Sandy</sup>~~Anne Propp~~

**Discussion of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Approval if no Corrections.**

**Treasurer's Report: Donna Thomas**

**Correspondence: Amber Persyn**

**President:**

**501©3**

**By-Laws/Standing Rules – By-Laws October for vote**

**Fund Raisers: Bikes and BBQ**

**Trash & Treasure: November 2, 2013**

**Plant sale date: April 12, 2014**

**Secret Garden Tour date: May 17, 2014**

**Decorate Town December 3**

**Workshop after November meeting – Painting Plant Pots**

**Working on Wildlife Certification from NWF - Lynn**

**District V meeting – October 16 @ Agriculture Extension Auditorium, Ocala. \$21.00 per person – 4 attending**

**Standing Committees:**

**Grow and Share: Judy Lane**

**Environmental Concerns: Amber Persyn**

**Horticulture: Lynn Bassett**

**Landscape Design: Mary Lou Eaton**

**Roadside Beautification: Susie Metcalfe – October 2**

**Petal Power Award: Lona Bassett to ??**

**Plant Talk Presentation: Amber Persyn – Per Lynn**

**Board Meeting: Mon. Oct, 28 10:00 am at Lona Bassett's home**

**Other Business or Comments:**

Board Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2013  
Meeting was called to order at 10:10am.

Present: Lona Bassett, Anne Propp, Judy Lane, Donna Thomas, Amber Persyn and Sandy VanTassel. No votes could be taken as we needed 10 to make a quorum. A number of items were discussed and recommendations will be made. All items will need to be made as a motion and seconded at a monthly meeting.

Suggestion box item regarding a "Show and Tell" portion added to the program. A recommendation was made to present this to membership for a vote to try for the remainder of the year. Anyone wanting to participate in this will need to notify the President to add them to the agenda and time would be limited to 5 minutes. Another subject came up while discussing this as to, do we need a time keeper? Floral Design and Plant of the month was originally to be a short presentation 5-10 minutes and now takes about 20-30 minutes monthly. Committee chairs will ask for 10-15 minutes and could take as much as 20-30 minutes, which adds time to meeting which can cause meetings to go close to 2 hours.

Fund Raisers were discussed. Final items for Trash&Treasure sale were ad, coffee, water and prices. Anne Propp will place ad in Chronicle and purchase 3 cases of water. Prices for coffee will be \$.50 and water \$1. Tags, labels and markers have been purchased for pricing items on Thursday and Friday.

No updated information was presented for Plant Sale and Secret Garden Tour.

November workshop plans for painting clay plant pots were finalized. Judy will bring newspapers, patterns for tracing and paints. Anne Propp will email membership to remind everyone to bring prepped clay plant pot, brushes and lunch. Also Anne will remind members to bring their own cup to meeting.

Christmas luncheon was discussed as we had invited Barbara (Flowers by Barbara) to attend as her clown personality and Diane Little had called Lona Bassett requesting that Barbara be moved to another month as Diane and the skit committee felt that the Clown would interfere with the skit they are working on to present at the December luncheon. The Clown might be better in January at the Birthday celebration. Anne Propp will speak with Barbara about staying with December or moving to another month.

T-Shirts – At District meeting a Garden Club attended with club t-shirts and those attending the district meeting liked the idea of club t-shirts. Shirts are being priced and we will hold off on this 'till the first of year (2014) to continue the discussion regarding obtaining t-shirts.

There were 3 programs discussed at the District meeting that interested those who attended and felt the Garden Club should participate in:

The first was restarting the Jr. Gardener program. FFGC had changed guideline so that now we only need 5 students and 5 meetings yearly to have this program. This will be put on agenda to see if someone is interested in going forward with this program.

The second was the SEEK (Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) program. This program is for students entering grades 10, 11 or 12. Those present thought this would be a program to fund if we were not sending any student to Camp Weikva.

The third was the Penny for Pines program to replant destroyed forest land. \$68 will buy enough seedlings to replant 1 acre of forest land. The feeling was that we could use our birthday money for this project as that money is supposed to go to a Gardening program.

Spring District V Meeting will be April 23, 2014, and will be held at the Citrus Hills Country Club.

Had a request from FFGC State Flower Show 2014 (April 14-16, 2014) to donate \$10.00 to be listed on the Convention Program. All agreed this was something we would like to see our Garden Club do.

May luncheon was discussed and Sandy VanTassel presented a menu for Lakeside Bar & Grill at the Lakeside Country Club.

A buffet will cost \$13-\$15 per person and they will fix meal for special diets.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50am.

Lona Bassett for Lynn Bassett, Secretary

## SECRET GARDEN TOUR PLANNING REPORT

Prepared by Cathi Ayers 11/24/2013

### GARDENS:

In past years, some of the Garden Club Award gardens were on the tour, but not all and tour gardens have never been limited to Award gardens. Some years, the gardens were geographically far apart and we had some feedback from guests about difficulty getting to all of the gardens. However, if anyone went to the Inverness GC tour this past year, it made our "farthest apart gardens" seem pretty close to each other. A recommendation: utilize the recently revived Landscape and Design Committee to help select gardens.

Recommend no more than six gardens. We did eight last time.

### SCHEDULING:

For the 2012 tour we tried doing two days. Recommendations on this:

1. IF two days, make the hours the same for both days. We did 10 – 4 Saturday and 1-4 Sunday. Three hours on Sunday was not enough time for guests to make it to all gardens.
2. For May, starting at 9 or 9:30 should be considered. It's plenty light and bright and, if we're having early summer temps, it's cooler to get started early.

### ADVERTISING:

For 2012, Frank Peters handled all of the communication with the Chronicle and getting us scheduled on WKYE. I think Marcia sent out letters to all District V Club Presidents as well as other nearby clubs (Hernando, Pasco, etc.) As a member of FCMA, our tour was listed on that webpage. Not sure if we were in AAA magazine this time, but I'm pretty sure we were for the first tour.

### SPONSORSHIPS:

We had an impressive group of sponsors for 2012 (see inside back cover of program). I'm pretty certain that Marcia solicited these. Most were actual cash contributions. (see Budget/Actual report).

### PROGRAMS:

I designed and printed the programs with input from the committee for each of the tours FCGC has held.

## NOVEMBER 8, 2013. FLORAL CITY GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Floral City Garden Club's November meeting began with social time from 9:30AM until 10:00AM when Lona Bassett, President, called the meeting to order.

Terry Newberry gave the invocation and Lona led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club Collect. Judy Lane introduced Allen Maynard, Bee Keeper, who gave the club a very interesting account of the kinds of bees, the type of equipment and costs needed to keep bees and a general picture of what the bees do during each day. Mr. Maynard also mentioned that scientists are continuing to work on the disappearing hive syndrome that is causing problems with bee keepers.

During the break Carole Baker and Cathy Foley directed the door prize program and when the business meeting was called to order Lynn Bassett, Secretary, called roll. Lona then thanked the hostesses and greeter and gave

birthday wishes to three of our members. She then moved that the Minutes be accepted as sent via email and they were accepted.

Donna Thomas, Treasurer, gave the amount that the club made from the Trash-N-Treasures sale which was \$717.41. The ending balance on our account was \$1,834.88.

A thank you note to the club was mentioned by the Correspondence Secretary, Amber Persyn. The donation to the Memorial Garden by one of our members in honor of a deceased friend was appreciated by the family and the funds donated will help with the upkeep of the Garden.

The President then called for the vote on the By-Laws which had been given to the membership at the October meeting for reading and asking questions. Numbered anonymous paper ballots were given to members along with the copy of the by-laws and these votes were collected and counted by the Secretary and the Treasurer. The By-Laws passed unanimously with 31 voters participating.

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While the votes were being counted Lona mentioned the FFGC program, Pennies for Pines. Cathy Ayers moved and Marcia Beasley seconded a motion for the club to put our January Birthday Money into the Pennies for Pines program to help replenish destroyed forests.

Lona then requested members to think about helping restart the Jr. Gardener program at the Floral City Elementary School. This program has flourished for fifty-four years with a few years with no formal instruction for the students. Edith Linz was President of the club in 1959 when the Jr. Garden Club was formed. Lona asked members to really consider giving of their time and expertise to help the local students learn more about Gardening.

A Suggestion Box suggestion to have a set apart time for club members to mention specific items (not necessarily related to gardening) to the club was discussed. It was decided to have this idea discussed at the next board meeting

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with a recommendation to be made by the board about this suggestion.

President Lona mentioned the SEEK (Save the Earth's Environment through Knowledge) program that the FFGC has which is for students entering grades 10, 11, or 12. Our club has not given a scholarship for this program but it could be a worthy project.

Lona reminded us to put the FFGC State Convention and Flower Show on our calendars for April 14-16, 2014. Marcia Beasley moved and Sharon Thompson seconded that the club purchase a \$10 listing in the convention program. Lona mentioned items discussed at the District V meeting such as the Critter Camp at Camp Wekiva which is for very young children and their need for cameras which the district voted to supply.

Donna Thomas told the club about the possibility of having the May luncheon at the Lakeside restaurant on May 16, 2014, and the need to reserve the date if we hold it there. The

cost should be between \$13 and \$15 per person.

Floral City Village decoration day will be December 3, with workers meeting at 9AM at the Community Building. Check with Diane Freund to find out if workers need to bring anything. Gazebo workers should bring scissors, at least one stepladder and one broom.

Judy Lane told the group about the Pot Painting Workshop which will be held after today's meeting in the Community Building and showed examples of pots that she had painted.

Lynn Bassett reported that the Memorial Garden has been accepted as a National Wildlife Habitat and showed Certificate number 173919 that the NWF sent for notification.

Susie Metcalfe informed the club of the Tour of the Waste Management recycling facilities scheduled for Friday, November 22, with reservations needed and gave the phone numbers to call. She also reminded us of the

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Roadside Cleanup on Wednesday, December 4, 2013.

Horticulture Chair, Lynn Bassett discussed several items from the November Gardening article that is sent online to club members.

Mary Lou Eaton discussed the handouts that the Landscape Design committee gave out last month which had questions for us to answer about our goals for our yards/gardens. When asked what members might want to plan for their gardens several answers were given which the committee will discuss at their next meeting and bring back ideas for the goals mentioned as well as ideas for other possibilities for designing our gardens.

Chris Harnden has the cash donation jar for the E-Nini-Hassee girls Santa fund and she requested that if members have little gift items at home that they can donate they would also be appreciated.

Marcia Beasley mentioned the meeting of the

Alzheimer's Caregivers that will be held on November 15, at the Floral City Methodist Church Hall.

Petal Power Award not given this month.

Ginny Andrews presented a fast Floral Design with "stuff from home". She had one pot, one "tree" and one BIG candle that she pulled together for a lighted decoration. She encouraged members to look around and find things at home to pull together for decorations.

The next board meeting will be held on November 25, at 10AM at Lona Bassett's house.

The FCGC Scrapbook for 2011-2013 that Joan Knippen completed was held up and admired so that members will know to look for it to peruse when they have some time.

Members were encouraged to keep count of the trees that they have planted from February 1, 2013, until February 28, 2014. The count will be

turned in to the FFGC.

Raffle tickets for items at the State Convention are available and items that are being raffled were described. Invitations from several area clubs for field trips were mentioned in case our members would like to join the other clubs. Meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.

Lynn Bassett  
Secretary

Floral City Garden Club  
Financial Statement  
November 1 through 30, 2013

Balance Forward			\$1,834.88
Income			
Trash & treasure sale	\$907.15		
Raffle	\$42.75		
Tips	\$7.00		
Memorial garden	\$10.00		
	\$0.00		
Total		\$966.90	
Disbursements			
Lona Bassett: supplies	\$19.57		
Anne Propp: ad for T/T sale, water	\$49.64		
November speaker	\$20.00		
	\$0.00		
Total		\$89.21	
Ending Balance			\$2,712.57

BOARD MINUTES FROM  
NOVEMBER 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order shortly after ten(10) AM at President Lona Bassett's house. There were six members present.

The first item to discuss was concerning the suggestion to have a "Show and Tell" time during the monthly meeting. After much discussion it was recommended that "Show and Tell" projects may be displayed on a table to the left of the Orange Avenue entrance to the community building and discussed during the Social Time before the general meeting. Having a Club Time Keeper was also discussed but tabled. It was, however, recommended that our Program Chair remind members(and speakers) that questions may be asked at the end of the speaker's talk rather than during the talk. It is easier to keep to a timetable for one's presentation without interruption.

The club needs a Chair for the Secret Garden Tour. The former chair has family responsibilities that will preclude her continuing the job that she has done in the past. Please consider taking this job.

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Amber, Plant Sale Chair, reminded us to remember to start plants for the spring plant sale and if you have a plant that you think is wonderful enough for people to purchase, let Amber know so that it might be rooted or purchased for the sale. Garden club members know which plants grow well and/or produce beautiful flowers or foliage and our customers want the same kind of plants. Some plants just do not seem to sell and we're interested in plants that will sell.

A request for donations for door prizes for the state convention and for putting an ad into the convention program were discussed and rejected. Diane Freund motioned and Cathi Ayers seconded the motion not to spend money for those two requests.

Lona will check to see how badly the paint has faded or peeled on the club's big wooden "Christmas card." She will then work with a committee to discuss using/ changing or ending the card display.

Along the decoration lines Diane Freund mentioned that Decorating the Village day is on the same day that the Craft people meet in the Community Building which could create a conflict. It was decided that the club could use the rooms at the Duval House for distributing the bows/garlands that will be used to decorate the town. A message stating the change of

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venue will be sent to the club.

Because the amount of money raised from our Bake Sale Booth at the BikesNBarBQ, a question was raised as to its value. There are two other booths selling sweets so the FCMA's need for available sweets will be met by those booths. If we are to use this as a fund raiser another offering may be an option. More discussion will be held.

Diane Dowthitt who has been the club's Website Coordinator is still recuperating from her ankle surgery and has informed the club that she will not be able to continue in that position. Donna Thomas is looking into some possibilities and will check with Diane for more information.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50AM  
Lynn Bassett Secretary

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# Trash and Treasure Sales November 1, 2013

5/26/13 Rental of Commu \$79.50  
 11/4/13 Lables \$9.92  
 11/4/13 Advertismnt/Wa \$49.64

11/2/13 Donations \$11.85 Coffee/water \$6.50  
 11/2/13 Sales \$895.30  
 11/30/13 State Tax \$50.68

Total Profit **\$717.41**

1's	5's	10's	20'	change	checks	Total Sales
\$50.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$17.00	\$45.00	
\$50.00	\$75.00	\$40.00	\$100.00	\$8.00	\$5.00	
\$40.00			\$100.00	\$1.50		
\$3.00			\$60.00	\$0.80		
\$143.00	\$175.00	\$140.00	\$360.00	\$27.30	\$50.00	\$895.30
total deposit			\$907.15 (includes donation)			

## MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 13,

2013

The December meeting of the Floral City Garden Club was held as a luncheon at the home of our President, Lona Bassett. The Invocation was given by Alice Webb and members enjoyed a wonderful variety of delicious foods that were prepared by the group. Barbara from The Flower Shop presented her clown program and gave each attendee a whimsical balloon shape.

After the program we said the Pledge of Allegiance and our Club collect and began the business meeting.

The emailed minutes were approved as was the Treasurer's report which had an ending balance of \$2,712.57 after a balance brought forward of \$1,834.88.

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with a card.

A reminder was given for club members to begin preparations for the April 12 Plant Sale now. If you have seedlings or transplants that need care over the winter, you were encouraged to contact Amber or find a friend or neighbor with a protected place for the plants if/when the frost appears in the Floral City area.

A request was made for a volunteer to chair the Garden Club section of the Secret Garden Tour Fundraiser. This person is needed as soon as possible since the organization and planning work on this project needs to begin immediately. Please contact Lona if you would be willing to take on this work. This is a big project which in previous years has brought in a lot of income for the club and it would be a shame to lose the momentum of having this fund raiser every other year.

A new WebMaster is also needed. There are members in the club who can assist if someone would be willing to learn about doing this job.

The January meeting program will be a Getting to Know One Another exercise. There will be questions prepared for members to ask each other across the table which is hoped will give members more information about other club members in order to foster good will among members. After the meeting there will be a workshop for members who might have questions about the new Standing Rules for the club that will be introduced at the January meeting.

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village on January 6. If you have staple removers please bring them to help get the garlands loose from the fences. This will be on a Monday so we can use the Community Center as headquarters for the packing up of the bows and garlands.

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The time for the next board meeting will be determined and members notified via email.

Chris Harnden reminded members that if they want to donate for the Camp E-Nini-Hassee camp Santa's Workshop that she'll have the jar available after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10PM.

*L. Bassett Secretary*

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Lynn Bassett  
Secretary

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December 1-31, 2013

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Income			
Donation	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
	\$0.00		
Total		\$0.00	
Disbursements			
Chris Harnden	\$83.20	E-NiniHassee donation	
Fl. State Tax	\$57.16		
	\$0.00		
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#### ADDRESS SUMMARY

##### Contact Address and Phone

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Floral City, FL 34436  
ReadinLady@ix.netcom.com

##### Habitat Address and Phone

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